

RETROACTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE APPLICATION

Pub. L. 88-190, §2, Dec. 2, 1963, 77 Stat. 344, provided that: "Section 11 of the Federal Register Act [section 311 of former Title 44, Public Printing and Documents, now this section], as amended by the first section of this Act [amending subsecs. (b) to (d) and (g) of such section 311, now subsecs. (b) to (d) and (g) of this section], shall apply to the Code of Federal Regulations previously authorized and published as well as to future publications made pursuant to that section as so amended."

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation of functions vested in President by section 11(a), (f) of Federal Register Act [now subsecs. (a) and (f) of this section], to Attorney General and Archivist of United States, see section 6(b) of Ex. Ord. No. 10530, May 11, 1954, 19 F.R. 2709, as amended, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President. See, also, section 103(b)(1) of Pub. L. 98-497, set out as a note under section 2102 of this title.

CODIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

Under authority of section 11(d) of the Federal Register Act [now subsec. (d) of this section] the Administrative Committee of the Federal Register issued regulations for the codification of executive and administrative documents, approved by the President Nov. 10, 1937, and set out in F.R. 2849 D.I., 2450 B.V.

§ 1511. International agreements excluded from provisions of chapter

This chapter does not apply to treaties, conventions, protocols, and other international agreements, or proclamations thereof by the President.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1278.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §312 (July 26, 1935, ch. 417, §12, 49 Stat. 503).

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FEDERAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS WITHOUT EFFECT ON CHAPTER

Authority and responsibilities under chapter not limited or repealed by Federal Records Management Amendments of 1976, see section 5(b) of Pub. L. 94-575, set out as a note under section 2901 of this title.

§ 1701. Publications for public distribution to be distributed by the Public Printer; mailing lists

Money appropriated by any Act may not be used for services in an executive department or other Government establishment at the District of Columbia, in the work of addressing, wrapping, mailing, or otherwise dispatching a publication for public distribution, except maps, weather reports, and weather cards issued by them or for the purchase of material or supplies to be used in this work. The Public Printer shall perform this work at the Government Printing Office. The head of an executive department, independent office, and establishment of the Government at the District of Columbia, shall furnish from time to time to the Public Printer mailing lists, in convenient form, and changes in them, or penalty mail slips, for use in the public distribution of publications issued by the department or establishment. The Public Printer may furnish copies of a publication only in accordance with law or the instruction of the head of the department or establishment issuing the publication.

This section does not apply to orders, instructions, directions, notices, or circulars of information printed for and issued by an executive department or other Government establishment or to the distribution of public documents by Senators or Members of the House of Representatives or to the Senate Service Department, House of Representatives Publications Distribution Service, and document rooms of the Senate or House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1278.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §95 (Aug. 23, 1912, ch. 350, §8, 37 Stat. 414; July 2, 1954, ch. 455, title I, §101, 68 Stat. 397).

"House of Representatives Publications Distribution Service" is substituted for "House Folding Room" because of the change of name under authority of Public Law 88-652.

The term "executive department, independent office, and establishment of the Government" is substituted for "executive department and other Government establishment" for uniformity.

§ 1702. Superintendent of Documents; sale of documents

The Public Printer shall appoint a competent person to act as Superintendent of Documents

who shall be under the control of the Public Printer.

When an officer of the Government having in his charge documents published for sale desires to be relieved of them, he may turn them over to the Superintendent of Documents, who shall receive and sell them under this section. Moneys received from the sale of documents shall be returned to the Public Printer on the first day of each month and be covered into the Treasury monthly.

The Superintendent of Documents shall also report monthly to the Public Printer the number of documents received by him and the disposition made of them. He shall have general supervision of the distribution of all public documents, and to his custody shall be committed all documents subject to distribution, excepting those printed for the special official use of the executive departments, which shall be delivered to the departments, and those printed for the use of the two Houses of Congress, which shall be delivered to the Senate Service Department and House of Representatives Publications Distribution Service and distributed or delivered ready for distribution to Members upon their order by the superintendents of the Senate Service Department and House Publications Distribution Service, respectively.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1279.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §§ 71, 73 (part) (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 61, 28 Stat. 610; June 25, 1910, ch. 384, § 1, 36 Stat. 770; Aug. 7, 1946, ch. 770, § 1(62), 60 Stat. 871).

This section incorporates only part of former section 73. The balance will be found in section 308 of the revision.

“House of Representatives Publications Distribution Service” is substituted for “House Folding Room” because of the change of name under authority of Public Law 88-652.

§ 1703. Superintendent of Documents: assistants, blanks, printing and binding

The Public Printer, upon the requisition of the Superintendent of Documents, shall appoint necessary assistants, furnish blanks, and do the printing and binding required by his office. The Public Printer shall provide convenient office, storage, and distributing rooms for the use of the Superintendent of Documents.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1279; Pub. L. 101-520, title II, § 208, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2274.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 74 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 66, 28 Stat. 611).

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-520 struck out before period at end of first sentence “, the cost to be charged against the appropriation for printing and binding for Congress”.

§ 1704. Superintendent of Documents: pay of employees for night, Sunday, holiday, and overtime work

Employees in the office of the Superintendent of Documents may be paid for night, Sunday, holiday, and overtime work at rates not in ex-

cess of the rates of additional pay for this work allowed other employees of the Government Printing Office under section 305 of this title.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1279.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 75 (Mar. 4, 1925, ch. 549, § 1, 43 Stat. 1300; May 13, 1926, ch. 294, § 1, 44 Stat. 552; Feb. 23, 1927, ch. 166, 44 Stat. 1160).

§ 1705. Printing additional copies for sale to public; regulations

The Public Printer shall print additional copies of a Government publication, not confidential in character, required for sale to the public by the Superintendent of Documents, subject to regulation by the Joint Committee on Printing and without interference with the prompt execution of printing for the Government.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1279.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 72 (May 11, 1922, ch. 189, § 1, 42 Stat. 541; June 30, 1932, ch. 314, § 307, 47 Stat. 409).

§ 1706. Printing and sale of extra copies of documents

The Public Printer shall furnish to applicants giving notice before the matter is put to press, not exceeding two hundred and fifty to any one applicant, copies of bills, reports, and documents. The applicants shall pay in advance the price of the printing. The printing of these copies for private parties may not interfere with the printing for the Government.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1279.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 114 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 42, 28 Stat. 607; June 30, 1932, ch. 314, § 307, 47 Stat. 409).

§ 1707. Reprinting of documents required for sale

The Superintendent of Documents may order reprinted, from time to time, public documents required for sale, subject to the approval of the Secretary or head of the department in which the public document originated. The Revolving Fund shall be reimbursed for the cost of reprints from the moneys received by the Superintendent of Documents from the sale of public documents.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280; Pub. L. 101-520, title II, § 208, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 2274.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 79 (Mar. 28, 1904, No. 11, 33 Stat. 584).

AMENDMENTS

1990—Pub. L. 101-520 substituted “The Revolving Fund” for “The appropriation for printing and binding”.

§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; crediting of receipts; resale by dealers; sales agents

The price at which additional copies of Government publications are offered for sale to the

public by the Superintendent of Documents shall be based on the cost as determined by the Public Printer plus 50 percent. A discount may be allowed as determined by the Superintendent of Documents, but the printing may not interfere with prompt execution of work for the Government.

The Superintendent of Documents may prescribe terms and conditions under which he authorizes the resale of Government publications by book dealers, and he may designate any Government officer his agent for the sale of Government publications under regulations agreed upon by the Superintendent of Documents and the head of the respective department or establishment of the Government.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280; Pub. L. 95-94, title IV, § 409(a), Aug. 5, 1977, 91 Stat. 683; Pub. L. 103-69, title II, § 207(b), Aug. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 708; Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, § 1301, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3191.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 72a (June 30, 1932, ch. 314, § 307, 47 Stat. 409).

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-447, in first par., substituted “may be allowed as determined by the Superintendent of Documents” for “of not to exceed 25 percent may be allowed to book dealers and quantity purchasers”.

1993—Pub. L. 103-69, in first par., struck out at end “Receipts from general sales of publications in excess of the total costs and expenses incurred in connection with the publication and sale thereof, as determined by the Public Printer, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.”

1977—Pub. L. 95-94 substituted “Receipts from general sales of publications in excess of the total costs and expenses incurred in connection with the publication and sale thereof, as determined by the Public Printer,” for “Surplus receipts from sales”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-69 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 207(c) of Pub. L. 103-69, set out as a note under section 309 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Section 409(b) of Pub. L. 95-94 provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1977.”

§ 1709. Blank forms: printing and sale to public

The Public Printer may print for sale by the Superintendent of Documents to the public, upon prepayment, additional copies of approved Government blank forms.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 94 (June 7, 1924, ch. 303, § 1, 43 Stat. 592).

§ 1710. Index of documents: number and distribution

The Superintendent of Documents, at the close of each regular session of Congress, shall prepare and publish a comprehensive index of public documents, upon a plan approved by the Joint Committee on Printing. The Public Print-

er shall, immediately upon its publication, deliver to him a copy of every document printed by the Government Printing Office. The head of each executive department, independent agency and establishment of the Government shall deliver to him a copy of every document issued or published by the department, bureau, or office not confidential in character. He shall also prepare and print in one volume a consolidated index of Congressional documents, and shall index single volumes of documents as the Joint Committee on Printing directs. Two thousand copies each of the comprehensive index and of the consolidated index shall be printed and bound in addition to the usual number, two hundred for the Senate, eight hundred for the House of Representatives and one thousand for distribution by the Superintendent of Documents.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 76 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 62, 28 Stat. 610).

§ 1711. Catalog of Government publications

On the first day of each month the Superintendent of Documents shall prepare a catalog of Government publications which shall show the documents printed during the preceding month, where obtainable, and the price. Two thousand copies of the catalog shall be printed in pamphlet form for distribution.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1280.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 77 (Jan. 12 1895, ch. 23, § 69, 28 Stat. 612).

§ 1712. Documents for use of the Public Printer

The Public Printer may retain out of all documents, bills, and resolutions printed the number of copies absolutely needful for the official use of the Government Printing Office, not exceeding five of each.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 81 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 73, 28 Stat. 618).

§ 1713. Documents to be delivered to the Executive Mansion

The Public Printer shall deliver to the Executive Mansion two copies of each document, bill, and resolution as soon as printed and ready for distribution.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 80 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 88, 28 Stat. 622).

§ 1714. Publications for use of National Archives and Records Administration

The Public Printer shall print and deliver to the National Archives and Records Administration for use by the Archivist of the United States, including use by the Presidential Library established for the President during whose

term the documents were issued, which shall be chargeable to Congress three copies each of the following publications:

House documents and public reports, bound;
Senate documents and public reports, bound;
Senate and House journals, bound;
United States Code and Supplements, bound;
United States Statutes at Large, bound;
the United States Reports, bound;

all other documents bearing a congressional number, or printed upon order of a committee in either House of Congress, or of a department, independent agency or establishment, commission, or officer of the Government, except confidential matter, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public character; and

public bills and resolutions in Congress in each parliamentary stage.

The Superintendent of Documents shall furnish, without cost, copies of publications available for free distribution.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281; Pub. L. 98-497, title I, §107(b)(6), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2287.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §215a (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §—, as added June 17, 1935, ch. 267, 49 Stat. 386, and amended June 30, 1949, ch. 288, title I, §104(a), 63 Stat. 381; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-678, 80 Stat. 956.)

AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-497 substituted “National Archives and Records Administration” for “General Services Administration” in section catchline and text.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-497 effective Apr. 1, 1985, see section 301 of Pub. L. 98-497, set out as a note under section 2102 of this title.

§ 1715. Publications for department or officer or for congressional committees

When printing not bearing a congressional number, except confidential matter, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public character, is done for a department or officer of the Government, or not of a confidential character, is done for use of congressional committees, two copies shall be sent, unless withheld by order of the committee, by the Public Printer to the Senate and House of Representatives libraries, respectively, and one copy each to the document rooms of the Senate and House of Representatives, for reference; and these copies may not be removed.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §217 (part) (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §58, 28 Stat. 610; Mar. 1, 1907, ch. 2284, §4, 34 Stat. 1014).

The last clause of this section is eliminated, as superseded by former section 85, now found in section 1903 of the revision.

§ 1716. Public documents for legations and consulates of United States

Only books published by the Government, and usually known by the name of “Public Documents,” may be supplied to a legation or con-

sulate of the United States as are first designated by the Secretary of State, by an order to be recorded in the State Department, as suitable for and required by the legation and consulate.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §91a (R.S. §504).

§ 1717. Documents and reports for foreign legations

Documents and reports may be furnished to foreign legations to the United States upon request stating those desired and requisition upon the Public Printer by the Secretary of State. Gratuitous distribution may only be made to legations whose Governments furnish to legations from the United States copies of their printed and legislative documents desired.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1281.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §91 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, §75, 28 Stat. 620).

§ 1718. Distribution of Government publications to the Library of Congress

There shall be printed and furnished to the Library of Congress for official use in the District of Columbia not to exceed twenty-five copies of:

House documents and reports, bound;
Senate documents and reports, bound;
Senate and House journals, bound;
public bills and resolutions;
the United States Code and supplements, bound; and

all other publications and maps which are printed, or otherwise reproduced, under authority of law, upon the requisition of a Congressional committee, executive department, bureau, independent office, establishment, commission, or officer of the Government.

Confidential matter, blank forms, and circular letters not of a public character shall be excepted.

In addition, there shall be delivered as printed to the Library of Congress:

ten copies of each House document and report, unbound;
ten copies of each Senate document and report, unbound; and
ten copies of each private bill and resolution and fifty copies of the laws in slip form.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 97-276, §101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., §139 (Jan. 28, 1899, No. 12, 30 Stat. 1388; Mar. 2, 1901, No. 16, §§1, 2, 31 Stat. 1464; June 20, 1936, ch. 630, title IV, §6, 49 Stat. 1550).

Reference to the Official Register is omitted as obsolete. The authorization for its compilation was repealed by Public Law 88-626.

CODIFICATION

The 1982 amendment by Pub. L. 97-276 is based on section 305(a) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-276 substituted “not to exceed twenty-five copies of” for “”, and for international exchange as provided by section 1719 of this title, not to exceed one hundred and fifty copies of”.

§ 1719. International exchange of Government publications

For the purpose of more fully carrying into effect the convention concluded at Brussels on March 15, 1886, and proclaimed by the President of the United States on January 15, 1889, there shall be supplied to the Superintendent of Documents not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five copies each of all Government publications, including the daily and bound copies of the Congressional Record, for distribution to those foreign governments which agree, as indicated by the Library of Congress, to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress. Confidential matter, blank forms, circular letters not of a public character, publications determined by their issuing department, office, or establishment to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value, and publications classified for reasons of national security shall be exempted from this requirement. The printing, binding, and distribution costs of any publications distributed in accordance with this section shall be charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282; Pub. L. 97-276, § 101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189; Pub. L. 99-500, § 101(j), Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783-287, and Pub. L. 99-591, § 101(j), Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341-287, as amended Pub. L. 100-71, title I, July 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 425.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 139a (Mar. 2, 1901, No. 16, § 3, 31 Stat. 1465; Mar. 3, 1925, ch. 421, § 7, 43 Stat. 1106; June 20, 1936, ch. 630, title IV, § 6, 49 Stat. 1550).

REFERENCES IN TEXT

There were two conventions concluded at Brussels on Mar. 15, 1886, and proclaimed by the President on Jan. 15, 1889: one was a convention “for the international exchange of official documents, scientific, and literary publications”; the other was “for the immediate exchange of the official journals, parliamentary annals, and documents.”

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 99-591 is a corrected version of Pub. L. 99-500. The 1986 amendment is based on section 306 of title III of H.R. 5203 (see House Report 99-805 as filed in the House on Aug. 15, 1986), and incorporated by reference in section 101(j) of Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, to be effective as if enacted into law.

The 1982 amendment by Pub. L. 97-276 is based on section 305(b) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2d Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in section 101(e) of Pub. L. 97-276, to be effective as if enacted into law.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, as amended by Pub. L. 100-71, amended last sentence generally, substituting “charged to appropriations provided the Superintendent of Documents for that purpose” for “chargeable to

the department, office, or establishment issuing the publication”. See Codification note above.

1982—Pub. L. 97-276 substituted “Superintendent of Documents” for first reference to “Library of Congress” and “for distribution to those foreign governments which agree, as indicated by the Library of Congress, to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress” for “for distribution, through the Smithsonian Institution, to foreign governments which agree to send to the United States similar publications of their governments for delivery to the Library of Congress”, and inserted “Confidential matter, blank forms, circular letters not of a public character, publications determined by their issuing department, office, or establishment to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value, and publications classified for reasons of national security shall be exempted from this requirement. The printing, binding, and distribution costs of any publication distributed in accordance with this section shall be chargeable to the department, office, or establishment issuing the publication.”

§ 1720. Documents not needed by departments to be turned over to Superintendent of Documents

Public documents accumulating in the several executive departments, bureaus, and offices, not needed for official use, shall be turned over to the Superintendent of Documents annually for distribution or sale.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 78 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 67, 28 Stat. 611).

§ 1721. Exchange of documents by heads of departments

Heads of departments may exchange surplus documents for other documents and books required by them, when it is to the advantage of the public service.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 93 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 95, 28 Stat. 623).

§ 1722. Departmental distribution of publications

Government publications printed for or received by the executive departments, whether for official use or for distribution, except those required by section 1701 of this title to be distributed by the Public Printer, shall be distributed by a competent person detailed to this duty in each department by the head of the department. He shall prevent duplication and make detailed report to the head of the department.

(Pub. L. 90-620, Oct. 22, 1968, 82 Stat. 1282.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on 44 U.S. Code, 1964 ed., § 96 (Jan. 12, 1895, ch. 23, § 92, 28 Stat. 623; May 29, 1928, ch. 901, § 1(2), 45 Stat. 986).

CHAPTER 19—DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

Sec.

1901. Definition of Government publication.